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PART I
COVER SHEET

CAP 2 SEMESTER 1 WEEK 8

COURSE: Wright Brothers Leadership Laboratory, Achievement 3

LESSON TITLE: Drill and Ceremonies - Count off, Columns of twos/fours and files

LENGTH OF LESSON: 25 Minutes

METHOD: Demonstration - Performance

REFERENCE(S): AFM 36-2203, *Drill and Ceremonies*, Chapter 4

AUDIO/VISUAL AIDS/HANDOUTS/ACTIVITY MATERIAL(S): None

COGNITIVE OBJECTIVE: N/A

COGNITIVE SAMPLES OF BEHAVIOR: N/A

AFFECTIVE OBJECTIVE: The objective of this series of lessons is for each cadet to know all of the military drill required of a basic cadet.

AFFECTIVE SAMPLES OF BEHAVIOR: Each cadet will willingly learn each of the drill movements and perfect them to required military standards.

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PART II
TEACHING PLAN

Introduction

ATTENTION: Why is there a need to count off? How do you move a flight of four columns through a space only wide enough for two columns?

MOTIVATION: The more complicated drill movements you learn, the more proficient in drill you become.

OVERVIEW: Today, we are going to count off, form a column of files from a column of fours and return, form a column of twos from a column of fours and return, and how a cadet leaves and returns to ranks.

TRANSITION: **FALL IN**!

Body

MP 1   Count Off. For drill purposes, count off is executed only from right to left in line and from front to rear in column or mass. Flight commanders do not count off in line, column, or mass**.**

In Line. The command is **Count, OFF**. On the command **OFF**, all cadets, except the guide and element leaders, turn their head and eyes 45 degrees to the right, and the element leaders call out ONE in a normal tone of voice. After the element leaders call out ONE, cadets in the next file turn their heads and eyes in unison to the front and call out TWO. This procedure continues in quick time until all files, full or partial, are numbered. All movements are made in a precise manner with snap.

In Column. The command is **Count, OFF**. On the command **OFF**, the element leaders turn their heads 45 degrees to the right and in unison call out ONE over their right shoulder in a normal tone of voice. Once the number is sounded, the element leaders turn their heads back to the front. Once the heads of the individuals of the previous rank are turned back to the front, individuals in the next rank turn their heads 45 degrees to the right and call out the subsequent number. This procedure continues in quick time until all ranks (full or partial) have been numbered. Except when calling out their number, individuals remain at the position of attention.

Practice the count off procedure a couple of times, both in line and in column.

MP 2   Forming a Single File or Multiple Files. These are not precise movements, but they are practiced in drill so, when necessary, the movements can be executed smoothly and without delay. These movements are executed only from the halt.

Column of Files. To form a single file when in a column of two or more elements, the command is **Column of Files From the Right (Left), Forward, MARCH**.   The element leader of the right (left) element turns his or her head 45 degrees to the right (left) and commands **Forward**. At the same time, the remaining element leaders turn their heads 45 degrees to the right (left) and command **STAND FAST**. Their heads are kept to the right (left) until they step off. On the command **MARCH**, the extreme right (left) element steps off. The element leader of each remaining element commands **Forward, MARCH** as the last cadet in each element passes, ensuring the leaders element is in step with the preceding element. All elements then incline to the right (left), following the leading elements in successive order

Column movements may be executed while executing a column of files by including the appropriate column movement command with column of file command. (See Paragraph 4.13.2 in the drill and ceremonies manual.)

MP 3   Column of Twos (Fours) From a Single File (Multiple Elements). To form a column of two or more files when in a single file of more than one element, the command is **Column of Twos (Fours) to the Left (Right), MARCH**. On the preparatory command, the leading element leader turns his or her head 45 degrees to the right (left) and commands **STAND FAST**. At the same time, the remaining element leaders turn their heads 45 degrees to the right (left) and command **Column Half Left (Right)**. On the command **MARCH**, the leading element stands fast, and the element leader returns his or her head back to the front. The remaining element leaders turn their heads back to the front and step off; executing a column left (right) simultaneously, and incline and form to the left (right) of the leading element. The remaining members of each element march to the approximate pivot point established by the element leaders and perform the movement in the same manner as the element leaders. Each element is halted by its element leader turning his or her head 45 degrees to the left (right) and commanding the element to halt so his or her element is abreast of, and even with, the leading element

MP 4   Forming a Column of Twos From a Column of Fours and Reforming. This is not a precise movement, but it is practiced in drill so, when necessary, the movement can be executed smoothly and without delay. These movements are executed only from a halt.

To form a column of twos when in a column of fours at a halt, the command is **Column of Twos From the Right (Left), Forward, MARCH**. On the preparatory command, the fourth (second) element leader turns his or her head 45 degrees to the right (left) and commands Forward; the second (fourth) element leader turns his or her head 45 degrees right (left) and commands **STAND FAST**. Each keeps his or her head to the right (left) until his or her element steps off. On the command **MARCH**, the designated elements step off immediately. As the last cadet in the designated lead elements pass and on the command **Forward, MARCH** (given by the second (fourth) element leader), the two remaining elements step off in step and incline in behind

the two leading elements. The distance between elements is three paces.

To form a column of fours when in a column of twos at a halt, the command is **Column of Fours to the Left (Right), MARCH**. On the preparatory command, the fourth (second) element leader turns his or her head 45 degrees to the left (right) and commands **STAND FAST**; the second (fourth) element leader turns his or her head 45 degrees to the left (right) and commands **Column Half Left (Right)**. On the command **MARCH**, the element leaders return their heads to the front, the leading elements stand fast, and the remaining elements step off and execute a column half left (right) and incline to form to the left (right) of the leading elements. As the trailing elements approach the head of the leading elements, the second (fourth) element leader turns his or her head 45 degrees to the left (right) and commands **Element, HALT** so the leading individual of each element is approximately even with all others. Once the elements halt, each element leader returns his or her head to the front.

MP 5   Individuals to Leave Ranks

In line formation, when calling individuals out of ranks, the command is **(Grade and Last Name)**, (pause) **FRONT AND CENTER**. Upon hearing his or her name, the individual assumes the position of attention. On the command **FRONT AND CENTER**, the individual takes one step backward (with coordinated arm swing), faces to the left or right, proceeds to the closest flank, and then proceeds to the front of the formation by the most direct route. Next, he or she halts one pace in front of and facing the person in command, salutes, and reports as directed.

To direct the individuals return, the command is **RETURN TO RANKS**. The individual salutes, faces about, and returns by the same route to the same position in the ranks.

Conclusion

SUMMARY: This afternoon we have learned how to form a column of files from a column of fours and reform, for a column of twos from a column of fours and reform, execute a column movement in conjunction with a column of files, and how to leave and return to ranks, and count off in line and in column.

REMOTIVATION: Your progress as a drill unit has been quite well and you are to be congratulated for doing such an outstanding job.

CLOSURE: **FALL OUT**!

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PART III
LESSON REVIEW

LESSON OBJECTIVE(S): The objective of this lesson was for each cadet to:
1. Learn to execute a column of files from a column of fours and reform.
2. Learn to execute columns of twos from a column of fours and reform.
3. Learn the procedure for counting off in line and in column.
4. Learn the procedure for leaving and returning to ranks.

LESSON QUESTIONS: None